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COMPRISING STARCH- AND
PROTEIN-CONTAINING MATERIAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 8, 1998, Applicants hereby amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicants submit herewith an Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) Paper or cardboard comprising [the] protein and starch components of flour in the paper fiber matrix, wherein the components are subjected to a degradation with ammonium persulfate, amylase, an acid, protease or a combination thereof before being introduced to the paper or cardboard.

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